Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Delaware Reformed Church of rural Lennox, South Dakota, with the help of Reverend S. J. Harmeling, was organized in 1889 with 24 charter members; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. J. H. Schoon was the first pastor to serve the Delaware congregation; and,

WHEREAS, The original church was built and dedicated on May 31, 1891, but a tornado destroyed the building in 1902 and the congregation rededicated a new church in 1903 and was remodeled in 1959; and,

WHEREAS, The Delaware Reformed Church membership consists of 110 communicant members and 46 baptized noncommunicant members, and the Rev. Norman J. Bouwens has served the congregation since February 1981; and,

WHEREAS, "Glory to His Name" is the theme of their centennial celebration:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 16, 1989, as

DELAWARE REFORMED CHURCH DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE